REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 27, 2004. Claims 1 to 6, 8 to 17, 19, 20, 23 and 25 remain in the application, with Claims 7, 18, 21, 22, 24 and 26 having been canceled. Claims 1, 8 to 12, 19, 20, 23 and 25 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 7 and 10 to 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended giving due consideration to the points noted in the Office Action and the claims are believed to fully comply with § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 7, 9, 11 to 18, 20, 22 to 24 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,872,569 (Salgado), and Claims 8, 10, 19, 21 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Salgado in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,430,711 (Sekizawa). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns displaying a device and a status of a job on a display. According to one aspect of the invention, a device that monitors a job requested of a device receives, from a device that is processing the job, first information indicating a status of the requested job and second information indicating a location of the device, which is stored in the device processing the job in the form of information on a map. The device is then displayed on a map indicating the location of the device, together with the job status information. As a result, a user can monitor the job and know the location of the device processing the job based on the displayed information.

Referring specifically to the claims, amended independent Claim 1 is an information processing apparatus for monitoring a job requested of a device on a network, comprising a first receiving unit adapted to receive first information indicating a status of a job requested of the device, a second receiving unit adapted to receive second information indicating a location of the device, and a display unit adapted to display information indicating the device on a map for displaying the location of the device on the basis of the second information, wherein the display unit displays the information indicating the device and the first information concerning the device.

Amended independent Claims 12 and 23 are method and computer medium claims, respectively, that substantially correspond to Claim 1.

Claims 8 and 9 are directed to the device that processes the requested job side and more specifically, Claim 8 is a device for processing a job requested via a network, comprising a first storing unit adapted to store display location information on a map for displaying a location of the device, a second storing unit adapted to store an event to be notified regarding the requested job and a notice destination address being associated with the event to be notified, and a transmission unit adapted to transmit information indicating the event to be notified and the information stored in the first storing unit to the notice destination address, according to an occurrence of said event.

Claims 19 and 25 are method and computer medium claims, respectively, that substantially correspond to Claim 8.

Amended independent Claim 9 is a device for processing a job requested via a network, comprising a storing unit adapted to store display location information on a map for displaying a location of the device, a judgment unit adapted to judge a status of the requested job, and a transmission unit adapted to transmit, according to a request from

another device on the network, information indicating the judged job status and the information stored by the storing unit to the another device.

Amended Claim 20 is a method claim that substantially corresponds to Claim 9.

Amended independent Claims 10 and 11 are system claims and more specifically, Claim 10 is a system having a device for processing a job requested via a network and an information processing apparatus for monitoring the requested job, the device comprising a first storing unit adapted to store display location information on a map for displaying a location of the device, a second storing unit adapted to store an event to be notified regarding the requested job and a notice destination address being associated with the event to be notified, and a transmission unit adapted to transmit information indicating the event to be notified and the information stored in the first storing unit to the notice destination address, according to an occurrence of the event, and the information processing apparatus comprising a receiving unit adapted to receive the information indicating the event and the information stored in the first storing unit transmitted by the transmission unit of the device, and a display unit adapted to display information indicating the device and the information indicating the event on the map for displaying the location of the device.

Claim 11 is a system having a device for processing a job requested via a network and an information processing apparatus for monitoring the requested job, the device comprising a first storing unit adapted to store display location information on a map for displaying a location of the device, a judgment unit adapted to judge a status of the requested job, and a transmission unit adapted to transmit information indicating the judged job status and the information stored in the first storing unit to another apparatus,

according to a request from the another apparatus on the network, and the information processing apparatus comprising a receiving unit adapted to receive the information indicating the judged job status and the information stored in the first storing unit transmitted from the device, and a display unit adapted to display information indicating the device and the information indicating the judged job status on the map for displaying the location of the device.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of the present invention. More particularly, with regard to Claims 1, 10, 11, 12 and 23, the applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of receiving first information indicating a status of a job requested of the device, receiving second information indicating a location of the device, and displaying information indicating the device and the first information on a map for displaying the location of the device on the basis of the second information.

With regard to Claims 8, 10, 11, 19 and 25, the applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of storing display location information on a map for displaying a location of the device, storing an event to be notified regarding a requested job and a notice destination address being associated with the event to be notified, and transmitting information indicating the event to be notified and the information stored in the first storing unit to the notice destination address, according to an occurrence of said event.

Similarly, with regard to Claims 9 and 20, the applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of storing display location information on a map for displaying a location of the device, judging a status of a requested job, and transmitting,

according to a request from another device on the network, information indicating the judged job status and the stored information to the another device.

Salgado is merely seen to disclose a document processing system which displays various devices on a network so that a user can create a metaphorical template for processing a job on one or more devices of the network. However, Salgado is not seen to disclose or to suggest that any of the devices store location information indicating a location of the device on a map, where the location information is transmitted by the device to another device that requests a job status, and the another device, upon receiving the location information and the job status information, displays the device on a map together with the job status information. Accordingly, Salgado is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of any of Claims 1, 8 to 12, 19, 20, 23 and 25.

Sekizawa is merely seen to disclose storing location information in a device and monitoring the status of devices on a network. However, it is not seen where the location information stored in Sekizawa is information indicating a location on a map, nor is it seen where Sekizawa discloses displaying the location of the device on a map, together with requested job status information. Thus, Sekizawa is not seen to overcome the deficiencies of Salgado, and any permissible combination of Salgado and Sekizawa is not seen to disclose or to suggest the above-described features of Claims 1, 8 to 12, 19, 20, 23 and 25.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all of independent Claims 1, 8 to 12, 19, 20, 23 and 25, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

As a formal matter, Applicants request that the Examiner provide an indication in the next communication acknowledging Applicants' claim to priority under

35 U.S.C. § 119, dated February 16, 2001, to with an acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents filed concurrently therewith.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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